SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 542

By Stewart

A RESOLUTION to recognize James David Bradford on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, James David Bradford is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for over thirty years as a member of the Sequatchie County Election Commission, since 2003, when the previous Chairman, Bill Allen, passed away, Mr. Bradford has chaired the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bradford will be taking a much deserved retirement after serving the voters of Sequatchie County for more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, James Bradford earned a Bachelor of Arts in history, and he continued his education for some years, taking enough accounting courses to become an accountant; and

WHEREAS, for fifty-one years, Mr. Bradford was employed by the DuPont Company, and he has also served as a member of the Army Reserve and the Tennessee Air National Guard; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of his community as well as his profession,

James Bradford also contributes his time and numerous talents to the Shriners and the Scottish

Rite Masons; he has been an especially enthusiastic member of the Lions Club, and he serves

as District Governor of Lions International; and

WHEREAS, in his leisure time, Mr. Bradford has traveled extensively, touring a number of continents, countries, and regions, including Europe, Russia, China, Australia, and the Holy Land, among other places; he also walks an average of 1,100 miles every year; and

WHEREAS, James Bradford exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable tenure as a Sequatchie County Election

Commissioner, he has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the voters of Sequatchie County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we express our gratitude to James David Bradford for all he has done to provide the voters of Sequatchie County with fair and just elections and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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